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Mr. Mike Cronrath, Director  
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Dear Mike:

On September 15, 2009, USDA Forest Service personnel conducted a gypsy moth egg mass survey at Site R. The purposes of the survey were to determine population densities, evaluate the efficacy of this year's treatment, assess the potential for defoliation and the need for treatment in 2010.

Gypsy moth survey plots were randomly selected based upon available host trees (oak species), size of sample area and uniformity between egg mass counts. At each sample point, a 1/40<sup>th</sup> acre fixed radius plot was established. The plots consisted of a tally of all the new (2009) egg masses observed on the overstory trees, understory vegetation, ground litter and duff.

The location of the survey plots along with the 2009 treatment area are shown in Figure 1. I am pleased to report that no new egg masses were detected during the survey. Treatment will not be necessary at Site R in 2010.

Please contact me at the (304)-285-1555 if you have any questions regarding the gypsy moth egg survey.

Sincerely,

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Figure 1. Location of the gypsy moth survey plots established at Site R on September 15, 2009, along with the 2009 gypsy moth treatment block.

